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#### STATE OF ARIZONA

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE BY

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In the matter of:

Docket No. 95-067

ARIZONA SUNBURST COCHINA )
UNDERWRITING SERVICES, INC., dba )
INSURANCE WORLD, UNIGROUP INSURANCE)
CORPORATION, and ROBERT CHRYSLER )
MORGAN

CONSENT ORDER

Respondent.

On or about January 12, 1995, the Director of the Arizona Department of Insurance (Director) commenced an investigation of Respondents Arizona Sunburst Kachina Underwriting Services, Inc., dba Insurance World, Unigroup Insurance Corporation, and Robert Chrysler Morgan (Respondents) pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-142(C). The investigation revealed Respondents' violations of Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 20.

In order to resolve this matter, without commencement of formal proceedings, Respondents hereby admit that the following Findings of Fact are true and consent to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Director of Insurance of the State of Arizona (Director) is charged with the enforcement of Title 20, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to insurance.
- 2. Respondent Arizona Sumburst Kachina Underwriting Services, Inc., dba Insurance World ("Insurance World") is currently licensed as a property and casualty insurance broker and a property and casualty insurance agent, license No. 512067, which license expires March 31, 1996. Insurance World also held

a life and disability insurance agent license, license No. 512067, which license expired March 31, 1995.

- 3. Respondent Unigroup Insurance Corporation ("Unigroup") is currently licensed as a property and casualty insurance broker, license No. 17822, which license expires March 31, 1996.
- 4. Respondent Robert Chrysler Morgan is currently licensed as a property and casualty insurance broker, which license expires March 31, 1996, and was licensed as a life and disability agent, license No. 5498, which license expired March 31, 1995. Respondent Morgan is the CEO of Respondent Insurance World and is the CEO and President of Respondent Unigroup.
- 5. From July 1, 1994 through December 31, 1994, Respondents received premium refund checks from the following premium finance companies: Arizona Premium Finance Co., Inc., Emerald Finance Company, and ETI Financial Corporation. These checks were made payable to the insured and either Insurance World or Unigroup.
- 6. Respondents Insurance World and/or Unigroup deposited into their bank account a total of twenty thousand nine hundred ninety-seven dollars and fifty-six cents (\$20,997.56) in premium refund checks with only their endorsement and without that of the insured. Respondents failed both to perform account reconciliations and to forward any of the premium refunds owed to the insureds as listed in Exhibit 1.
- 7. From October 1, 1994 to March 9, 1995, Respondents routinely charged a \$15.00 fee on all applications for insurance coverage processed. The service charge was not disclosed to the

insured on a form approved by the Director. A total of \$38,250 in service charges was collected by Respondents from the insureds listed in Exhibit 2.

- 8. In addition to automobile insurance coverage, Respondents offered applicants membership in the Unigroup Automobile Club or Interstate Auto Club. The auto club provided towing services and other benefits. Respondents represented, to at least eight hundred and forty-one applicants, that this was an additional benefit included in the insurance coverage sought by the applicant.
- 9. The auto club membership and service was not provided by the property and casualty insurer. Respondents charged a \$65.00 fee for the membership that was added into the total premium quoted to the applicant, which in some cases was then financed. In cases where the premium was financed and the policy was cancelled within thirty (30) days of issuance, no auto club membership fee was collected. The actual cost of the auto club membership was not disclosed or agreed to by the applicants listed in Exhibit 3.
- 10. From and after September 24, 1992,, Respondents obtained workers compensation coverage through Safeco to cover Respondents' employees. Respondents reported to Safeco that the policy was to cover a payroll amount of thirty-nine thousand dollars (\$39,000) from September 24, 1992 to June 30, 1993, a payroll amount of seventy-two thousand dollars (\$72,000) from June 30, 1993 to June 30, 1994, and a payroll amount of ninety-seven thousand one hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$97,129) from June 30, 1994 to June 30, 1995. In fact, Respondents had a

payroll amount of seventy-one thousand four hundred nineteen dollars (\$71,419) from September 24, 1992 to June 30, 1993, a payroll amount of six hundred forty-seven thousand fifty-seven dollars (\$647,057) from June 30, 1993 to June 30, 1994, and a payroll amount of four hundred fifty-four thousand two hundred twenty-two dollars (\$454,222) from June 30, 1994 to December 31, 1994 that was not accurately disclosed to Safeco.

an application from Joanie Korb for a twelve-month motor vehicle insurance policy with a full premium payment of \$837. Respondents issued a motor vehicle insurance card to Korb showing coverage through Unigroup/Insurance World. Respondents never forwarded the application or premium payment to any insurer. On or about January 17, 1995 Korb cancelled the coverage and Respondents refunded \$589.50. Respondents charged Korb \$247.50 for coverage they provided to Korb from December 7, 1994 through January 17, 1995.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Director has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Respondents' conduct described above constitutes misappropriation, conversion, or illegal withholding of monies belonging to policyholders, insurers, beneficiaries or others and received in or during the conduct of business under the license or through its use pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-316(A)(4).
- 3. Respondents' conduct described above constitutes the charging or receipt of any fee or service charge in addition to the premium charged for services customarily provided in the

transaction of insurance for motor vehicles in violation of A.R.S. § 20-465(A).

- 4. Respondents' conduct described above constitutes a violation of A.R.S. § 20-465(B) by charging or receiving any fee for services not customarily provided in the transaction of insurance without having first received the approval of the fee from the Director and without the presence of the other requisite statutory conditions.
- 5. Respondents' conduct described above constitutes the misrepresentation of the terms of any policy issued or to be issued or the benefits or advantages promised pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-443.
- 6. Respondents' conduct described above constitutes the unlawful transaction of insurance business pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-401.01(A).
- 7. Respondents' conduct described above constitutes a violation of A.R.S. § 20-316(A)(2).
- 8. Respondents' conduct described above constitutes the presentation of statements to an insurer containing false information concerning the rating of an insurance policy pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-463(A)(1).
- 9. Respondents' conduct described above constitutes a conduct of affairs under their licenses showing the licensees to be incompetent or a source of injury and loss to, or repeated complaint by, the public or any insurer pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-316(A)(7).
- 10. Grounds exist for the Director to suspend, revoke or refuse to renew Respondents' insurance licenses, impose a

civil penalty upon Respondents, and/or order restitution pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 20-316(A), 20-316(C) and 20-456.

#### ORDER

## IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- The license of Robert Chrysler Morgan is immediately revoked upon entry of this Consent Order.
- 2. Respondents shall, within thirty (30) days of the date this Order is filed, make restitution to Safeco for unpaid workers compensation premium from September 24, 1992 through June 30, 1994 in the amount of \$2,919.
- 3. Within thirty (30) days of the date this Order is filed, Respondents shall undertake an account reconciliation to determine what portion of unrefunded premium is due and owing the insureds listed in Exhibit 1.
- 4. Respondents shall, within forty-five days of the date this Order is filed, pay restitution to the insureds listed in Exhibits 1, 2 and 3 in the amounts listed below:

a. Premium Refunds \$20,997.56

b. Service Charges \$38,250.00

c. Auto Club Memberships \$54,665.00

Restitution owed to insureds listed in Exhibit 1 may be reduced by any portion of the unrefunded premium that Respondents are able to substantiate is due and owing to Respondents. Respondents shall not be required to refund automobile club membership fees to insureds listed in Exhibit 3 whose policies Respondents are able to substantiate were financed and cancelled within thirty (30) days of issuance and from whom no automobile membership fee was collected.

- 5. A list of payments, giving the name and address of each party to whom they were made, the amount of payment, the check number and the date of payment shall be provided by Respondent to the Department within sixty (60) days of the date this Order is filed.
- 6. Respondents shall mail monies described in Paragraph 4 above to insureds listed in Exhibits 1, 2 and 3 at the last address reflected in the insureds' file. In the event that monies mailed to the insureds is returned by the Post Office, the amount owed to such insured shall be paid to the Unclaimed Property Unit at the Arizona Department of Revenue in accordance with the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act as set forth in A.R.S. § 44-302 et seq.
- 7. The lists in Exhibits 1, 2 and 3 are not necessarily exhaustive and do not preclude these or other unnamed claimants from exercising their rights against the Respondents.
- 8. The Department shall be permitted, through an authorized representative, to verify that all individuals included in Exhibits 1, 2 and 3 have been fully paid, and to verify that Respondents have complied with all provisions of this Order, and the Director may separately order Respondent to comply.
- 9. Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 20-316(C) and 20-456(B) Respondents shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to the Director, within thirty days from the date of the entry of this Order, for remission to the State Treasurer for deposit in the State General Fund.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 5th day of April ,

dr. Slowaters

# Director of Insurance

### CONSENT TO ORDER

- 1. Respondents have reviewed the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.
- Respondents admit the jurisdiction of the Director of Insurance, State of Arizona, and admit the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and consent to the entry of this Order.
- Respondents are aware of their right to a hearing at which Respondents may be represented by counsel, present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. Respondents hereby irrevocably waive their rights to such public hearing and to any court appeals relating thereto.
- 4. espondents state that no promise of any kind or nature whatsoever, except as expressly contained in this Consent Order, was made to them to induce them to enter into this Order and that they have entered into this Order voluntarily.
- 5. Respondents acknowledge that the acceptance of this Order by the Director of Insurance, State of Arizona, is solely for the purpose of settling this matter against them and does not preclude any other agency or officer of this state or from instituting civil or criminal subdivision thereof proceedings as may be appropriate now or in the future.

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Robert Chrysler Morgan represents that he is the Chief Executive Officer and President of Respondent Unigroup, and that as such he has been authorized by them to enter into this Order on their behalf.

7. Robert Chrysler Morgan represents that he is the Chief Executive Officer of Respondent Insurance Group, and that as such he has been authorized by them to enter into this Order on their behalf.

(Date)

4-4-95 (Date)

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Robert Chrysler Morgan, Chief Executive Officer

> Arizona Sunburst Kachina Underwriting Services, Inc., dba

Insarance World

Robert Chrysler/Morgan, Chief Executive Officer and

President, Unigroup Insurance Corporation

CHRYSLER MORGAN ROBERT

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